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FATAL DROWNING.

W. J. Hendrin, of Rock Bay, Drowned off Beacon Hill.

A drowning accident which resulted in the death of W. J. Hendrin, who resides in a cabin in Rock Bay district, took place off Beacon Hill early this afternoon.

Hendrin and a young man were in a small, bottomed rowboat off Beacon Hill, almost opposite the residence of Dr. Milne, when suddenly they were struck by a squall and while attempting to turn to make the beach, capsized. The man sank at once beneath the waves and was not seen again until some time afterwards, when his joint body was washed on the rocky beach. The boy clung on to the bottom of the boat, and was with it washed ashore. He was almost overcome from the effects of his exposure and the shock and it was not until he had been thoroughly resuscitated at the residence of Dr. Milne, whether he had been carried, that he found speech. He was attended to by the doctor and given dry clothes there. The body of Hendrin was taken to Haura's undertaking parlors, where it is now lying, by the provincial police.

BRITAIN'S HARD LUCK.

Once Again Her Coasts Are Swept by Severe Gales.

London, Dec. 10.—A severe gale is again raging over the British coasts and especially over those parts bordering on the Irish sea. Ships are running for shelter into all the ports.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Canton, Ohio, Dec. 10.—At 1 o'clock Dr. Phillips stated that Mrs. McKelvie is likely to die at any moment. He said that it was almost impossible that she could live through another night.

HEART.

With her own hand she made the biscuits for dinner. "But," she muttered, as is customary under those circumstances. At the last moment she concealed a pointed among the folds of her dress; for, although the way to a man's heart was through his stomach, it was best to anticipate possible failure.—Detroit Journal.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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CEDED KIAO CHAU

China Reported To Have Made This Gift to the Angry Germans.

Departure of Prince Henry of Prussia for Kiel—France Makes Ready.

Berlin, Dec. 9.—It was rumored last night that China has ceded Kiao Chan to Germany. Whether the report be true or not, there is every indication in the preparations for the expedition under Prince Henry that a long stay is contemplated. Emperor William will make the departure of Prince Henry's squadron from Kiel the occasion for an imposing naval display.

The Brandenburg, a first-class battleship of more than ten thousand tons displacement and the Wurttemberg, a second-class battleship of nearly seven thousand five hundred tons, while coming from Christiania to Kiel to take part in the display, collided. Both vessels were injured, the Wurttemberg so badly that it was necessary to send her to the drydock.

Alton, Dec. 9.—Prince Henry of Prussia started for Kiel yesterday afternoon. A number of officers, headed by General Waldersee, were at the railway platform to bid him farewell. The prince thanked them and made his adieux. He said: "I ask you to believe that in going where the emperor's favor sends me I thank him for reposing such confidence in me. In the name of the emperor, in his honor and the honor of the fatherland, I will discharge the duties of my command. Long live the emperor!" The officers responded with a hearty cheer.

London, Dec. 9.—A special from Paris ordered to prepare for immediate dispatch to China.

New York, Dec. 9.—The Commercial Cable company has sent out the following notice:

"We are advised that the Chinese authorities give notice of the closing of the telegraph office at Kiao Chau, in the province of Shan Tung."

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

The sword contest set for this evening at Market Hall, in which Ivan De Melchite and W. S. Anderson are to contend, promises to be a novel and interesting affair. Both men are exceptionally fine swordsmen and have been busy getting things ready for this evening's "go." The rules governing the contest are as follows: (1.) The contest to consist of 29 attacks, the contestant scoring the first 15 points to be declared the winner. (2.) Each contestant shall be allowed one second. (3.) The referee for said contest has been mutually agreed upon. The decision of the referee shall be final and beyond appeal. (4.) Every hit above the hips, including front, back and sides and head, with the exception of the fore arm, are considered legitimate points. (5.) The contestant receiving a point is obliged to acknowledge the same by lowering his sword. (6.) To strike an adversary's horse shall be considered a foul, and two such fouls shall call the contest off in favor of the contestant whose horse has been struck. (7.) To hit his adversary below the belt or on the fore arm shall be declared a foul and the referee shall decide against the contestant so doing. The master of ceremonies will be selected this evening at the hall at 8 o'clock.

Everything is in readiness for Capt. Merrick's exhibition and electric tricks were at work last night and erected a special platform seven feet high on which the exhibit has been placed. This with the addition of several more electric lights will enable persons from all parts of the city to gain a full view of Mr. Merrick's every act.

FOOTBALL.

Practice Match.

There will be a general practice match on Beacon Hill to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. All players are requested to turn out, rain or shine, as after the game the team to represent Victoria against the Nahaimo Hornets on the following Saturday will be chosen.

Meeting of the Junior League.

The Junior Football League will hold an important meeting in the Y. M. C. A. rooms on Monday evening at 7.30 sharp, when the constitution of the League will be considered and arrangements made for the season. Clubs interested should send delegates.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

On behalf of Charles E. Gillan, a solicitor and ratepayer of Roseland, Mr. Archer Martin this morning moved before the chief justice for a rule nisi to quash by-law No. 20 of the city of Roseland. The by-law is one regarding the voting by the ratepayers of Roseland on the question of raising \$15,000 to be applied towards the current expenses of the city and a sewerage system. The rule was granted, returnable on the 22nd inst. The objections are against the proposed method of submission of the by-law, the mayor having refused to make provisions respecting scrutineering during the poll and also in regard to a recounting of the voters' list before the election.

Messrs. E. W. Herchmer and W. H. Ross, of Fort Street, G. B. McGowan, of Golden, and C. W. C. Taylor, of Vancouver, were called to the bar and admitted as solicitors by the benchers this morning. They were afterwards introduced to the court by Sir Henry Cassan, and the usual oaths were taken by all of them.

RE MR. LANCELIER

Sir Wilfrid Makes the Retort Courteous to the Witness Interview.

Col Strathay Ostracized—An Invention to Aid the Klondike Miners.

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier was asked by your correspondent to-day, if he had seen the interviews with Hon. Francois Langelier, published in the Montreal Witness last evening.

"I have," replied the premier.

"Have you any observation to make upon it?"

"Not a word. I am not in the habit of discussing before the public questions which would only concern the internal economy of the party. I will not depart from this rule. Moreover, Mr. Langelier is an old friend, for whom I entertain the most affectionate respect; and even if I differed with him I would not communicate the matter to the press. I am only sorry that on this occasion Mr. Langelier seems to have been influenced by a newspaper rumor, for which there is not even a shadow of foundation."

The Governor-General has dropped Col. Strathay, the subordinate commandant of the Fifth Royal Scots, from his personal staff.

Dr. McEachern, chief veterinary inspector for the department of agriculture here, is examining a number of local veterinary surgeons on the tuberculin test.

Haycock brothers, of Ottawa, have invented a thresher and excavator for miners which they claim will do in twenty-four hours what it now takes twenty days to do on the Klondike.

Fifteen judgments were handed down in the supreme court yesterday, all being cases appealed from Ontario or Quebec courts.

The cabinet yesterday gave consideration to the claim preferred by the territorial government that they exercise control over the Yukon district.

BRUTAL CUBAN REBELS.

Horrible Tortures Inflicted on Women and Children Near Guaya.

New York, Dec. 10.—A dispatch to the Herald from Madrid says: "A storm of indignation has been provoked here by the news of the tortures inflicted by Cuban rebels upon inhabitants of Guaya, women and children being bound and burned alive. The details are given by the Imparcial, a paper by no means favorable to the present government's policy, and the news is now officially confirmed. One minister says that as far as is known, at present, the only crime the unfortunate creatures appear to have been guilty of is that they favored the acceptance of autonomy."

MR. BLAKE'S POSITION.

Will Never Again Enter Canadian Public Life.

Toronto, Dec. 10.—A full report of Hon. Edward Blake's speech last night makes reference to his future course in regard to Canadian politics more definite even than was supposed. He did not intend to desert the cause, he said, in which he had enlisted. He would not leave it until the men associated with him agreed that he should do so without prejudice to the cause. Least of all had he any malign notion, as had been suggested, of offering himself for the office of leadership in this country—he was out of it for good. He had detected it, kept away from it whenever possible, and had gone away from it as soon as he could, and no earthly conceivable thing could induce him to get in it again.

WM. MERRY'S DEATH.

Deceased Was Married Recently To a Toronto Young Lady.

Toronto, Dec. 10.—A private dispatch from Roseland announces the suffocation in the Iron Col mine there of William Merry, brother-in-law of W. C. Macneil, president of the Toronto street railway. Merry was married only a couple of weeks ago to Miss Vercoe, of Toronto, who left here three weeks ago to become his wife. She is returning with the body.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Beaverton, Dec. 10.—T. W. Chapple, M.P.P., was re-nominated by the North Ontario Liberals at the convention here yesterday.

Winnipeg, Dec. 10.—The firm of Turner & Mackeand, wholesale grocers, have made an assignment to David R. Michaud, the head bookkeeper of the firm.

Quebec, Dec. 10.—The recently completed Turkish bath establishment was burned this morning.

HE HAD A HOT TIME.

Butler Market Nearly Burned ALIVE at SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco, Dec. 10.—Michael Purcell, a boiler maker, was making some repairs inside the stockstack of the steamer Wellington at the Fulton street wharf, when six fires were started below him. He was strapped on a chair suspended from the top of the stack, about 30 feet from the wharf below. It was impossible to go up, and to go down without assistance. He was being roasted alive on the hot dampers. These volumes of hot smoke began billowing out of the stack, while Purcell shouted for help. The first fireman every moment until his clothing caught fire. He lost on the iron with all his might and shouted fully ten minutes before a ladder on the wharf came to his rescue. Purcell is in a critical condition.

First Frank was brought before Judge Macpherson Macrae this morning in the provincial police court and fined \$5 and costs for trespassing on the premises of Mr. Wilson Brown.

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CANADA REDIVIVUS.

How comes it that the Conservative press of Canada persistently ignore a fact which is becoming more noticeable every day—the enormous increase in Canadian trade—and confine themselves to the discussion of plebeian matters and matters that the Canadian people don't care five cents about at the present time? Verily, these are tough times for the Tory scribbles (and Pharisees). Why, it seems atrocious to say it—but the truth is a Turk and capable of atrocities against sensitive feelings at any time—to say that the Tory press are carrying on now as if they were actually sorry to see Canada's magnificent progress under a government fully alive to the glorious destiny of the Dominion. From the pleasant and congenial pastime of slinging mud at the premier and every individual of his cabinet the Tory journals sometimes seek diversion by poking up a near's nest on international relations, but all these have turned out to be honest nests for the pokers up, and they have been glad to resume artillery practice on the characters of the great statesmen now guiding Canada towards prosperity. No, the trade question is one which the entire opposition are letting severely alone, and why the following facts from the Montreal Herald may suffice to show. The Herald has been struck by the astonishing increase in the exports from the port of Montreal, and says:

"Grain has shown an immense increase. The total quantity of wheat, corn, peas, oats, barley and rye shipped in 1895 was, roundly, seven million bushels; in 1896 it jumped to nineteen million, and this year there has been another bound to twenty-seven million bushels. Of this eight millions of increase, more by the way, than the total exports of 1895—wheat claims 2,817,240 bushels; corn another 2,005,230 bushels, and oats 2,386,370 bushels. Montreal has also handled for export 400,000 boxes of cheese more than last year, each containing about seventy pounds; 63,000 more packages of butter, each of fifty-six pounds, and 15,000 more cases of eggs. It is no wonder things look brighter in Montreal. Given a few more years of such increases in our commerce, and this will be one of the first cities on the continent."

By no means an extravagant prophecy, and one that all Canadians can wish to see realized. These figures tell more emphatically than columns of adulatory writing. Are the farmers, who are experiencing the first-fruits of the coming prosperity, likely to forget that it was under a Liberal government they got on their feet after the dreadful depression which existed throughout the dead-alive Tory regime? Can the shippers forget that good times came again under the Liberal ministry? Are the merchants of Canada, who are beginning to feel the revivifying pulsations of re-awakened commerce, and to realize that the country is at last moving ahead, likely to make any mistake in placing some share of the credit for the good times where it belongs? We say they are not, and we risk the prediction that unless the old Toryism with which Canada has been cursed for two generations is very radically recast, remodelled, brought up to modern ideas and modern requirements, it will never, never again have the ghost of a chance in opposition to the Liberalism so triumphantly put to practice by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his supporters. Canadians will never drop the luscious peach of Liberalism for the frost-bitten turnip of moss-covered Toryism.

GHOSTS!

Our highly imaginative contemporary the Colonist is still suffering from a severe attack of the "nerves" over the platform of the Liberal Association. Poor old Biddy is "positiveartin" there's "summat uncanny" about it, either under or behind it, and if she could only get her blue specs to stick steady on her nose 'nd the candle in the lantern to flicker up decent-like she could have a peep under the platform and round the corner she feels she could wagger one of her best punkin' ples she could find "some fearsome form in white arrayed, all ready for the ghosht parade." Were it not that we are really deeply concerned for our good, old, grandmotherly contemporary's health we might feel inclined to laugh over her quakings of alarm. We can assure the Colonist there is no double-bored, split hooped, spike lashed spook either under or behind the platform. Many things are not what they seem, but the platform is 36 inches to the yard and all wool; it means exactly what it says, and all its planks are of solid British Columbia timber, warranted to stand any amount of Colonist examination. Everything about it is above-board and plain as a pike-staff; the Colonist's shivers are all

unnecessary, for the platform covers no "deep substratum" of dissimulation or duplicity, nor may any benevolent phyladelphean be expected to fly up with derisive clamor to frighten our timorous contemporary out of what is left of its wits. The Colonist should try again, all its endeavors to find a crack or a rot-spot in any of the planks of the platform have been as futile as the efforts of the unsophisticated tenderfoot who tried to find gold on the summit of a mountain range. When the Colonist discovers something wrong in the platform it might kindly let us know and we shall put it under the microscope (the flaw, not the Colonist) and examine and report.

Says the New York Commercial Advertiser: "Sir Wilfrid Laurier is the first diplomat that Canada has produced. All that any of his predecessors ever aspired to do was to run the local politics and administration of the Dominion and get all they could out of the Imperial government. Sir Wilfrid is the first Canadian minister to start out negotiating with a foreign power on his own hook. Secretary Sherman's advisers have not got the best of the Canadian premier as yet, either, but the administration has not yet played its trump card." It was the late James G. Blaine who took, we think, the late Sir John A. Macdonald by the arm and said: "You Canadians are a splendid, intelligent people; yet how is it that you elect such asses and stupid blockheads to your government?" Sir John's answer we don't remember, but the Plumed Knight was, of course, talking about the Tory mossback administration.

From the columns of a dainty "society" paper we call this paragraph: "Mr. and Mrs. Bradley-Martin's shooting party in Scotland is making big records. Its numbers killed over 4,000 pheasants and other game in one week." Big records? Would not bloody records be somewhat nearer the truth? This is mere butchery, slaughter, killing for the pleasure of killing; a barbarian butchery which they call sport! Robert Burns' "Address to the Wounded Hare," which a fellow had shot at, is brought vividly to our mind by that paragraph. We make no apology for quoting the first and last verses of it:

"Inhuman man! Curse on thy barbarous art,
And blasted be thy murder-aiming eye!
May never pity soothe thee with a sigh,
Nor ever pleasure glad thy cruel heart!"

Of us by winding Nith I musings wait,
The sober eve or hallow the cheerful dawn,
I'll miss thee sporting o'er the dewy lawn
And curse the ruffian's aim and morn thy hapless fate."

Many a fond father grows anxious as he thinks: "What shall I do with my child? It is an old problem, and happily for poor old paternalism the girls are solving it for themselves very effectively. Two that we have just heard about, Annie and Mary Wilson, living in Indiana, are making a comfortable living as loggers and rail splitters. They fell the trees, saw them into proper lengths, then split up with axes. They are hale and hearty; don't know what sickness means; own their own home, have all the comforts of life and don't seem to want to get married. People talk, of course, but the girls don't mind, and they are perfectly happy and contented. They make much more a week than the average typewriter girl.

Professor Newell L. Perry is a small, strong man, who educates people how to lay out their fists to the greatest advantage on perfectly trustworthy security. California University pays him to teach "la boxe" to its students. He was in "Frisco" recently and a big man was rude to him, presuming that six feet of perpendicularity and 250 pounds of hydrostatic constitute an invulnerable shield against the fists of the Perry school must be set out. Perry smote the tall man on the jaw with his left bunch of knuckles. The big man recovered ten minutes later to find that his jaw was fractured in two places and that Perry was sorry for him. Perry will have a statue if he keeps on.

A most interesting point has been raised in the application of the Quebec-Turkey indemnity. Russia has informed the Porte that if any of the indemnity paid by Greece be applied for the purchase of fresh armaments she will demand the Ottoman government to pay the arrears of the amount Turkey agreed to pay after the war of 1877-78. The arrears amount to nearly \$750,000,000, and Turkey cannot possibly pay. To intensify the situation, Turkey has recently enrolled herself to a dangerous degree with Bulgaria, and also with Austria-Hungary. The outlook for Turkey is very bad, well nigh desperate, and the upshot of Russia's latest move is not to be guessed.

We suppose that what a paper publishes becomes public property, and hence any other paper is at liberty to copy its matter without credit. Nevertheless, seeing that the Times pays a correspondent at Ottawa to send it special telegrams, and pays for the telegrams, it would not be altogether unreasonable for the Colonist, which copies them, to occasionally say once in six months, give proper credit. Possibly our contemporary is not doing a credit business. We do not care very much anyhow, but as the Colonist reads us a lesson on various subjects, every morning almost, we mention this little matter in passing.

Mr. Henry Labouchere, editor of London Truth, and Mr. Henry Hess, editor of the African Oracle, London, have been, for some months back, lambasting one another with small gloves. London p.r. rules, regarding stock jobbing op-

erations. So far the witty cycle of Queen Anne's Gate has got the best of it. Mr. Hess, however, has attempted to foul, and has been clocked off by the referee, the Lord Chief Justice, who has issued an injunction restraining Mr. Hess from publishing Mr. Labouchere's letters to the late G. A. Sala. So Mr. Labouchere is entitled to an extra chipper over this further discomfiture of his persistent foe.

An elector in St. John, N. B., lost his vote through the mistake of an official. He immediately started an action at law and recovered \$100 damages. If everybody were to imitate that St. John man many an official would tremble in his boots. But, then, voters themselves are a great deal to blame; they seem to think a vote is not worth troubling one's head about until election day. It is the duty of every citizen who realizes his responsibilities to see that his name is safely on the list, and if by any blunder it is omitted therefrom to sue the officials for damages, just as that worthy person in New Brunswick has done.

One cynical result of the recent excitement in the Eastern European states in the manner in which the erstwhile indolent and drowsy press of Turkey has come to life and has started changing England in a style something like that which used to be fashionable down in Tennessee. The journals of Stamboul, Pera, Galata and all around the Golden Horn, are clamoring against hated England. One of the Turkish papers published in Paris advises a descent upon England by the combined fleets of Russia and France.

It is rumored that the C.P.R. will look passengers straight through from England to the Klondike via Vancouver and Victoria. If this proves true it will do at least one good thing—prevent many men from going to the United States for their outfits and so uselessly spending their money. There is no need for anxiety about Victoria getting its full share of the trade, for the London Standard and other influential papers which are copied far and wide, have announced to the English people that Victoria is the best spot at which to outfit.

Yankee land produces more curious and freaks of nature to the square acre than any other land on earth. "Peter Cooley," when admitted to the Soldiers' Home in Sandusky, O., four years ago, measured 5 feet 2 inches. His height is now 4 feet 4 inches, and he is as straight as a fence. "However, we have seen a quicker shrinkage than that. It was a referee at a baseball match, who had given a decision against the home team and was shrunk two feet into the ground peculiarly with bat smites.

Perhaps some of our Victoria merchants may find the following original advertisement useful. It is from an Emporia, Kas., paper, and is therefore likely to be extremely true: "Klondike hot in 1897. Fresh fish, fresh oysters (big as your foot), spare ribs to spare, midget meat made by a better half, and lots of truck too numerous to mention. As for prices, we will discount any shop in town. Try us for your stomach's sake."

DEATH OF MR. STEVES.

Old and Respected Resident of Stevenson Quits This Life.

Stevenson, Dec. 7.—At half past two o'clock this morning Manasseh Steves, of Stevenson, passed away after a prolonged illness, aged 60 years.

Mr. Steves was born near Montreal, New Brunswick, on 12th December, 1828. He succeeded his father in the old homestead there, and continued upon it till 1860, when he removed with his family to Chatham, Ontario. At Montreal he was married to Martha Taylor, who now survives him, and there were born to them three sons and three daughters, all of whom survive him, except one daughter, who died in California about 12 years ago. For nine years Mr. Steves lived in Chatham, Ont., and engaged in farming, brick-making and other lines with good success. In 1875 he removed to Cambridge, Mass., and bought a peach farm there. This he occupied for two seasons, but his health suffered seriously from malaria fever and he resolved to quit as soon as possible. In the fall of 1877 he started out to prospect for a new home and a more healthy climate. Believing that he had found the object of his search on Lulu Island, B. C., he bought part of the property, which has since been his, and started work upon it. His wife and family joined him here in May, 1878, and this has since been their home.

Like many others, he suffered heavy financial losses through the boom times in the province and the subsequent depression, but he bore his troubles with great nobility and patience. In later years his delight has been to work in his large orchard, which now produces a large fruit harvest every year. He was fond of cattle and horses, and his stud of Suffolk Punch horses have annually been a show in themselves at the Great and Royal Agricultural exhibitions.

Mr. Steves was a loyal member of the Baptist church all his life, and he was a fervent lover of the truth, a total abstainer from intoxicating drinks. In fact he has stated that he did not even know the taste of strong drinks. He lived very quietly, and was not much seen away from his own home, yet all who knew him had a high regard for him and now deeply mourn his loss. For some time he has been feeling ill, but he continued to work in the garden till about seven weeks ago, when he was compelled to go to bed. Since then his strength has gradually declined, till he passed peacefully away this morning. Much sympathy is felt by all for his esteemed widow, who has been a most faithful nurse and constant attendant during his long illness, and also for all his family.—Com.

GRATEFUL.

"Doctor," said the substantial citizen, as he rushed up to the family physician, "I owe you my life."



OWES LIBERTY TO HIS SNORE.

Milwaukee Man Freed in Court on Remarkable Testimony.

Snooring, especially of that peculiar kind which is ever noticeable, dominating everything in hearing and preventing others from sleeping, has ever been held to be a misfortune. But to a snore of this description, which could not be mistaken for any other snore, Robert Wagner, who has been on trial in the criminal court at Milwaukee, Wis., charged with firing his warehouse last summer, owes his discharge.

In the testimony introduced by the defense were the statements of Wagner's two daughters, Freda and Olga. They established a complete alibi for their father, and they did it by means of his snore. Both testified that they knew their father was at home all night of July 3rd, on which it was charged he fired his warehouse. They were certain of the fact, because when asleep he had a peculiar snore which was different from any musical production of that kind ever rendered by anyone else. They had heard him snoring before they went to sleep, and therefore knew he was in the house at that time and not at the factory. If he had gone out during the night, they said, they would have to pass their door, and they would have heard him.

So convincing were their statements that when the defense rested, Judge Waller said to the attorneys there was no use in their arguing the case, as it was his duty to direct the jury to bring in a verdict of not guilty for the defendant. This he instructed the jury to do without leaving their seats.

When the report was made the Judge told Wagner that he was a free man, and with a sigh of relief he left the courtroom blessing what had formerly been looked upon as a misfortune.

A STROLL UNDER THE THAMES.

Blackwall Tunnel Becomes the Parade of London's East End.

For the last six weeks the Blackwall tunnel has been to the toilers of the east end what Hyde Park is to the west end, says the London Mail. It is the promenade in a mode to as many thousands as can reach it. Little as its promoters dreamed—little as His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales imagined when in July last the walk was declared open—Blackwall tunnel has grown to be the great rendezvous of the people. It is their playground, their concert hall, their shelter from the cold, the wind and the rain, the trying place of lovers, and destined to enfold more than one romance, more than one tragedy.

It has already had one death, for a few weeks ago a van driver was thrown from his seat and killed. As the corpse of the van driver was being carried out a bystander remarked to one of the policemen who stood guard at the Poplar end of this great feat of engineering, "A dead man, eh? Why, I've counted twenty pairs of lovers going in!"

Blackwall tunnel! What a splendid little feat of modernism! All day and night the tunnel is lit up by electric lamps—an incomparable vista of light a mile and a half long. No wonder, then, that when several thousand people are in the tunnel, singing, shouting, laughing, playing on concertina, banjo or Jew's harp, the scene should be one unparalleled in the whole length and breadth of London.

It will be a problem to Mr. Macdonald, the chief engineer of the great tunnel, how this huge body of pleasure-seekers will be managed when later in the winter blazes blight and their tendency to loiter and reluctance to leave will increase.

The tunnel was not quite finished when the Prince of Wales formally opened it. It was closed to the public for some weeks. But since its actual and permanent opening it has been found, in a dual sense, to fill a long felt want.

There is light and love and laughter—no care, no trouble, no cold, so every Sunday any one who is any one in the near east takes his wife or sweetheart for a stroll beneath the Thames.

DOLLS, ANCIENT AND MODERN.

The mummies of little Egyptian princesses, dead now 3,000 or 4,000 years, have been unboxed, and in their spiny folds little dolls have been discovered. After more than twenty centuries in the ruins of Babylon and Nineveh have been unearthed and most frequent among the treasures brought to light have been small terra cotta figures and many beautiful carvings in ivory, which most likely were the fascinating dolls of little Assyrian ladies. The puppets with which Greek and Roman children amused themselves in ordinary had their being in clay. Their arms and legs were jointed and attached by threads and were to be swung about on a doll being shaken up and down on a string or being pulled from below. Dolls of ivory and wax were not unknown, but these, no doubt, were the playthings of the richer classes.

ANIMUS.

Beggs—There is something lacking in Berry's makeup as a gentleman. I can't exactly explain it; it is something intangible. "Intangible"—that means he can't be touched.—Indianapolis Journal.

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The result of the empress' interest in the young poet was that the duke invited him to call upon them. When Daudet entered the duke said:

"You are a writer?"

"Yes, sir," replied Daudet.

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The boy was nearly overcome. He had never imagined that any one was paid that much to do nothing. He had been so suddenly remembered that he differed in politics from the duke, and drawing himself up, announced the fact.

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CANADA AS A GOLD PRODUCER

Impressions of a Well Known Mining Engineer After a Six Month's Tour.

B. C. a Great Field for the Work of Well Organized Exploration Companies.

(From the B. C. Review, London.)

Since British Columbia first began to attract attention in England on account of its immense mineral deposits, many interviews have appeared in the London press with visitors or residents of the province; but mine owners and politicians are not the best guides for the investing public to follow, and many of the so-called experts have so little experience that their opinion cannot be reasonably considered to deserve much attention. Hearing some weeks ago that Mr. Edgar P. Rathbone, M. Inst. M. M. A. M. Inst. C. E., etc., and a late inspector of mines in the Transvaal government, had returned from a six months' tour of inspection of nearly all the principal mining districts in Canada, we endeavored to obtain an expression of opinion from one who has had so long and varied an experience in practical mining affairs, and who, from the important position he has held, must be regarded as an expert whose opinion is of the highest value.

Owing to the courtesy of Mr. Rathbone, we are enabled to give our readers an account of his impressions even sooner than we had expected. His time is entirely taken up since his return. In his office, at 18, Bishopsgate street, our representative saw some of the most beautiful photographs he has yet had the pleasure of looking at, which convinced him that a trip through such scenery and in an atmosphere which would permit such views to be taken, is not one that is likely to be soon forgotten. In answer to a query, Mr. Rathbone said:

"I left London about the end of April last with a view of making a thorough investigation into the mining industries of the Dominion of Canada, and traveled for about six weeks or so in the districts around Rat Portage in the Lake of the Woods and the Rainy River districts.

"It then went west to Ashcroft, on the Canadian Pacific railway, and thence to Carleton Place, and visited the various hydraulic and alluvial gold-mining properties in that country, finally visiting the various quartz mining properties in the district of Lillooet. I afterwards went down to Vancouver and came round through the Boundary Creek district; that is, the portion of country lying between P. Anderson and Rossmore which has of late attracted a good deal of interest on account of the large bodies of more or less low grade copper ores carrying gold which have been discovered there. I then came to Rossmore, where I stopped for some weeks examining the mines which were working on what is known as the Red Mountain."

"What is your general opinion of the future of Canadian mining?"

"I believe that Canada has a great gold-mining future before it, and I have formed this belief primarily from the fact that, as is well known, great mineral development has taken place in the adjoining states on the other side of the boundary. In such states as Montana, Idaho, Washington, Michigan, etc., which respectively lie practically to the south of the Kootenay and Lake Woods districts, the same geological conditions prevailing on both sides of the boundary line dividing the United States from Canada. One of the prime reasons probably which has placed the discovery of Canada's wealth in the background for the past few years has been due to the want of proper mining systems, and to the difficulty of carrying out prospecting work during the winter season owing to the snowfall. I am strongly impressed with the idea that the gold-mining districts of the Dominion of Canada present first-class conditions for the work of well-organized exploration companies. Such companies should proceed upon the lines that the capital to be expended should not be dissipated by being all paid out (even though it be by share issue) for properties the industrial value of which has been in no way tested, although perhaps they cover enormous areas of ground. I consider that the best method of proceeding is for the company to possess a sufficient amount with owners or prospectors on the lines of actual capital to enable it to deal directly that the properties be taken upon working bonds for a sufficient period of time to enable those who propose to finally purchase them to test their industrial value. It is difficult to persuade owners to let their properties be tested in this manner, as they have been very frequently ill-treated by the London company promoters, whose object is often not so much to ascertain the value of the property as to get something which he can trade about in London and form a company upon. For this purpose it is necessary for the property to be tied up for a certain time, when the unfortunate owner is unable to deal with anybody else, and occasionally has to refuse better offers. On the other hand, if the owners were to be given a sufficient amount of cash to defray their actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred in taking up the claims, and for any work done upon them, and the exploration company agree to expend during the period of their option a sufficiently large sum, in this way it would be possible to practically prove the probable industrial value of the property. Should the result be satisfactory, of course the owner would be entitled, under agreement, to a share in whatever the parent company should receive for property, when sold to a subsidiary company, or in case it turned out badly he might, by having shares allotted him, become a partner in future ventures. I have not given much consideration for having his property condemned."

"I was very much interested in the wonderful mineralization around Rossmore, especially in the Red Mountain, where there are several veins more or less parallel to one another and showing in their area wonderfully even dissemination of gold, varying from half a pennyweight to three ounces, and on the average the area, so far as I was able to ascertain, varied between ten pennyweights and an ounce. A very large bulk of the ore, however, on a general scale, would not, I think, exceed ten or twelve pennyweights. The present cost of smelting in the district is about eleven dollars per ton, and the average cost of mining under ordinary conditions would be between two and four dollars per ton; so that unless the ore are high-grade it is at once apparent that there is not much margin of profit. This, however, is a condition which cannot possibly last. It is a well known fact that there has not been for the discovery of the cyanide process on the West Coast and there would not be more than some half-a-dozen companies at the present time which could possibly pay a dividend; and I am strongly of opinion

that not only will the cost of smelting in the Rossmore district be reduced to about six or seven dollars per ton, but that the metallurgical extraction of gold from these ores has not reached finality, and the economical process of cyanide of some similar chemical treatment will before long be introduced, which will enable the ore to be treated for two or three dollars per ton. If I am right in this prophecy, then it is quite obvious that the mining district of Rossmore has a future before it which may be considered second only to the Witwatersrand. At present the district is suffering from that which usually attends the discovery of a mining camp—viz. hundreds of companies are formed on the strength of a certain number of industrial successes, and these companies are always started with insufficient capital. In fact, I am strongly opposed to the American and Canadian system of financing companies, for, should the undertaking turn out in any way disappointing at the start, it often becomes practically impossible to raise the balance of capital necessary for further working. I notice since my return to England that a large number of companies have been floated in connection with the Canadian mines, and exploration companies have been formed, and it is to be trusted that these concerns are managed by mining men of repute who really know the country and are able to advise as to how the money which has been subscribed by the public is to be expended, as it is proverbially said, there is no more costly business than mining, and much will depend upon whether the capital is laid out by skilled engineers or no. I would also point out the care which should be exercised in the selection of the engineer. The so-called provincial expert is to be found on all hands; his whole experience has been built upon assay work in the laboratory, or, possibly, a little land surveying. Indeed, I am of opinion that there are very few local men in the country who are at all competent as engineers to advise or make report upon properties. I further note with surprise that some mysterious mining knowledge is attributed by company promoters to Canadian statesmen and governors—probably derived by the process of absorption! These gentlemen would be the first to disclaim any such thing, but it is by these kind of things that share holders are frequently misled. With regard to the English companies already at work, I visited a large number of the various enterprises which have been floated of late, and in some instances I found that owing to thoroughly competent, practical men of the concern were doing as well as nature would permit. Of course, mining is at the best a speculative business, owing to the nature of it, but of these risks to be increased by bad management and general incompetence, then the capital has been laid out in such a way as to dissipate all the funds and get no results, but on the whole, I do not think there is much to complain of in this way. In fact, I was on several occasions extremely pleased with what I saw. Generally there was no doubt that when the country has been thoroughly tested the Dominion of Canada will prove fully as valuable as any of our other colonies, and is destined finally to occupy a leading position as a factor in the world's gold output. I have been asked as to whether I consider British Columbia or the Rainy River the better investment for capital, and at the present time, as far as I was able to ascertain, I think that British Columbia is certainly a more valuable mining district; and one of the reasons upon which I base this opinion is owing to the fact that the mining districts of Idaho, Montana, and Washington lie immediately to the south of the geological and mineralogical conditions prevailing in the country to the south of the St. Lawrence river in the United States has not been so far noted for any great mining wealth."

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VANCOUVER ROUTE.

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NEW WESTMINSTER ROUTE.

Leave Victoria for New Westminster, Ladner's Landing and Lulu Island, Sunday at 2 o'clock, Wednesday and Friday at 7 o'clock. Sunday's steamer to New Westminster connects with C.P.R. train No. 2 going East Monday.

For Premier Pass, Wednesday and Friday at 7 o'clock.

For Pender and Morey's Islands, Friday at 7 o'clock.

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Steamer "Teas" leaves Victoria for Alberni and Haida ports on the 15th and 30th of each month.

The Company reserves the right of changing this time table, at any time, without notice.

G. A. CARLTON, JNO. IRVING, General Agent, Manager.

ESQUIMALT & NANAIMO RY.

TIME TABLE NO. 29.

To take effect at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 4th, 1897.

Trains run on Pacific Standard Time.

GOING NORTH.

	Daily	Sat/Su
Lv. Victoria for Nanaimo and Esquimalt	7:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.
Ar. Esquimalt	12:15 p.m.	12:15 p.m.
Ar. Nanaimo	1:15 p.m.	1:15 p.m.

GOING SOUTH.

	Daily	Sat/Su
Lv. Wellington for Victoria	7:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.
Lv. Nanaimo for Victoria	8:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m.
Ar. Victoria	12:15 p.m.	12:15 p.m.

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A. DUNSMUIR, President.

J. H. PRIOR, Gen. Supt.

Geo. Freight and Passenger Agent.

Esquimalt & Nanaimo R'y Co.

Commencing Monday, November 1st, 1897.

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Lv. Victoria... Monday, 7 a.m.

Lv. Nanaimo for Comox, Tuesday, 7 a.m.

Lv. Comox for Nanaimo, Thursday, 7 a.m.

Lv. Nanaimo for Victoria, Friday, 7 a.m.

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MUNICIPAL NOTICE.

VESSELS ON THE WAY TO BRITISH COLUMBIA

British ship *Albany*, 1400 tons; Wolfe, master; from Liverpool to Victoria with general merchandise. R. P. Rithet & Co., consignees. Sailed July 29th.

British ship *Benicia*, 1807 tons; Taylor, master; from Liverpool to Victoria with general merchandise. R. P. Rithet & Co., consignees. Sailed September 7th.

British bark *Agnes Oswald*, 1380; Nicol, master; from Stanley, F. I., to Victoria. Turner, Beeton & Co. Sailed from Stanley, Falkland Islands, September 27th, bringing the cargo of the British ship *Fox* of Balmain.

British ship *Levi*, 2794 tons; Butler, master; from Liverpool to Victoria, with general cargo. Holt, Ward & Co., consignees.

British ship *Dudhope*, 2087 tons; from Liverpool to Victoria with general merchandise. Turner, Beeton & Co., consignees. Sailed September 15th.

British ship *Senator*, 1612 tons. Lewis, master; from Delagoa Bay to Victoria. Sailed August 27th. To load lumber.

Nicaraguan bark *Wesseler*, 447 tons; Nielson, master; from Iquiqui to Victoria with a cargo of nitrate for the Victoria Chemical Works and Hamilton Powder Company.

French bark *Ville de Redon*, 957 tons; Mabon, master; from Punta Arenas to Victoria. Sailed August 12th.

British bark *Pasa* of Killferkie, 1000 tons; Atkinson, master; from Salaverry to Vancouver with sugar for the British Columbia Sugar Refinery.

British ship *City of Dethl*, 1240 tons; Swan, master; on berth at London for Victoria. R. P. Rithet & Co., consignees. Commenced loading on November 1st. To bring general merchandise.

British ship *Dunboyne*, 1425 tons; McNeil, master; on berth at Liverpool for Victoria. Commenced loading on November 15th. To bring general merchandise.

British steamer *Garonne*, on berth at Liverpool and London for Victoria with passengers and freight. The first of the steamers with miners for the Klondike.

German bark *Philip Nelson*, 513 tons; Neumann, master; from Salaverry to Vancouver. Bringing sugar for the British Columbia Sugar Refinery.

British ship *Carnarvon Bay*, 1705 tons; Griffiths, master; on berth at Liverpool to load general merchandise for Victoria and Vancouver; to commence loading at end of December.

British steamer *Albatross*, 2068 tons; Keates, master; to bring sugar from Java for the B. C. Sugar Refinery; will arrive towards the end of February.

German ship *Magallane*, 1539 tons; Runpf, master; from Callao; to load lumber at Hastings mill for South America.

R.M.E. Empress of Japan, from the Orient, with freight and passengers; due to arrive on Tuesday next.

VESSELS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA PORTS.
VICTORIA.
British ship *Scoutir*, *Harrison*, master; Callao, in ballast; awaiting orders.
VANCOUVER.
R.M.S. *Aorangi*, from Australia.
FRASER RIVER.
British ship *Lebu*; *Thorborn*, master; loading salmon for Liverpool on account of *Erans, Coleman & Erans*, Vancouver.
German ship *Adelaide*; *Meyer*, master; loading salmon for United Kingdom on account of *Bell-Irving & Co.*
CHEMAINUS.
American bark *Colusa*, to load lumber for Melbourne, Australia.

responsible, occur and sometimes delay
crown grant six months or more. The
instructions are asked so that the sur-
geons may not be led into these mis-
takes. Owing to the impossibility of de-
termining who would be present at this
meeting and the absence of the regular
secretary, no preparation was made for
the usual annual banquet and it was not
given.

The Knights of Pythias of this city
have organized, the lodge being known
as Nelson Lodge, No. 25, there being 51
charter members. Grand Deputy Chan-
cellor Commander J. W. Graham, of
Ossauad, was instituting officer and he
was assisted by Mr. Thomas, of Hossau-
d. The members took two first
degrees and all but one took the third
degree. After the ceremony a banquet
was enjoyed, and after midnight the offi-
cers were elected as follows: Chancel-
lor-commander, W. J. Thompson, vice-
chancellor, J. J. Malone; prelate, R. J.
Jury; master of work, Dr. H. E. Hall;
keeper of seal and records, George Par-
tridge; master of arms, W. McEllan;
master of ceremonies, S. A. Migham; master
of the keys, C. B. Smith; grand scribe,
C. Webb; senior ward, E. K. Hurry;
first commanders, Dr. G. A. B. Hall,
Dr. Forin, J. H. Vanstone, Dr. H. Hall.
The latter was elected representative to
the Grand Lodge and Dr. Forin installing
officer for the new lodge. The next meet-
ing will take place on Tuesday night.
The hockey players of Nelson, and
there are a number of good ones here,
are making an effort to form a strong
club, with a view of competing with out-
town teams. They think they can win as
many laurels as did the Nelson lacrosse
teams. There will be a meeting to
effect formation on Tuesday evening in
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STEVENSON.

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Donn, P. M., was asked for a statement regarding the working of his department. He stated he had not come prepared to do so, but from memory he could state some facts. The revenue of the police court last year, as shown in the published reports, was \$1,588, and the expenditure was \$1,775. He was not aware of the facts prior to the 1st of July last, when he took office, but since that time he had taken in about \$1,100, and the expenditure had been about the same as in years past. He then made a short statement regarding the recent appeal cases. "The total costs of all the appeals taken that had to be made by the corporation, including the corporation agent's fees, would not exceed \$180 a year; the total number of cases in the police court, as shown by the records, is 101. Since the 1st of July last he had disposed of 250 police court cases together. He expressed hope that the world reporter would give as much publicity to these facts as he had done to a statement of a very different character. He gave a vote of thanks to the chairman.

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GAZETTE NOTICES.

Private Bills to be Asked For at the Next Session of the House.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to appoint J. Gerhard Tarks, a justice of the peace for the county of Victoria; W. V. Bowron, of Barkerville, mining recorder for Richfield and Omicame divisions of Cariboo; Captain W. J. Hunt, of Bennett Lake, Cassiar, stipendiary magistrate, gold commissioner, government agent, assistant commissioner of lands and works, assessor and collector under the assessment act—all for the Stikine polling division, known as the Bennett Lake division.

The Gazette contains the rules and regulations respecting registrars and sub-registrars of the Supreme Court. Notice is given of John Cobbedick's intention to apply for a private act to enable him to develop iron mines and construct blast furnaces on the coast of British Columbia.

Application will be made to the legislature by the Thompson River Hydraulic Mining Company for the consolidation of the company's leases, water rights and privileges.

The following extra provincial companies have been registered: The Glena Mines, Ltd., the Granite Creek Mining Co., Ltd., Sunshine, Ltd., the Vancouver and British Columbia General Exploration Company, Ltd., the Cariboo Mining, Milling and Smelting Co., Ltd., and the Hattie Brown Gold Mining Company, Ltd.

The Arrowhead Saw and Planing Mills Co. has been incorporated with a capital of \$150,000.

Among the private bills that will be applied for at the next session are: To incorporate a company to construct a railway from Pymouth Harbor, Lynn Canal, to the northern boundary of British Columbia; R. T. Elliott, solicitor; to incorporate companies for the construction of railways from the Skeena river to the eastern boundary of British Columbia; for the construction of a railway from Teslin Lake to the coast of British Columbia; for the construction of a railway from Hazelton to the coast of British Columbia; for the construction of a railway from Port Steele to the international boundary, for all of which companies Mr. H. E. A. Robertson is the solicitor.

WHITE PASS RAILWAY.

One of the Three Iron Bridges Now Ready for Shipment.

George Keyes, superintendent for the Bullen Bridge Company, will shortly leave for Skagway to superintend the construction of bridges on the new narrow gauge railway under construction over the White Pass.

The railway, he says will be 38 miles long, from Skagway to Lake Bennett. The bridge which is now here awaiting shipment is an iron one, and is of the Thacher pattern and will probably cost \$25,000.

There will be three long bridges. The one awaiting shipment is 250 feet span. The railroad is practically completed to the first bridge, and when that is built, teams and supplies can pass over it to work beyond.

The bridge and a lot of ties, stringers and other material which has been purchased will be shipped to Skagway in the bark Colorado, which is to receive a cargo and be towed to Alaska by a tug.

The Bullen Bridge Company built the Old Burnside bridge at Portland, and has done a lot of railroad and county bridge work in Colorado.

It is expected that the bark Colorado will get away from Tacoma the latter part of the present week. Mr. Bullen himself, who is in Victoria, will go on the steamer Rosalia.

A meeting of the board of directors of the Vancouver Island Produce Society, Limited, was held today at the market. The manager, Mr. Lane, reported business to be in a good condition. Mr. M. Miller handed in his resignation as president, and Mr. Watson Clarke was elected to fill the vacancy. Mr. E. Musgrave was elected to the vacancy on the board of directors. A resolution was passed thanking Mr. Miller for his services to the society.

DIED.

PRYOR—On the 9th inst., at residence, Humboldt Road, Sisseton, the beloved wife of E. G. Pryor, aged 42 years. The funeral will take place on Saturday, the 11th inst., at 2:30, from residence, and 3 o'clock from Christ Church Cathedral.

THE TEES RETURNS

A Very Stormy Trip—Drift Lumber Being Found on the West Coast.

The Steamer Farallon Takes a Large Quantity of Lumber to Skagway.

The steamer Tees arrived from Cape Scott, Quatsino and the other ports of the west coast early this morning after a very rough trip. Gale after gale has been encountered since leaving port, and the staunch vessel was buffeted about continually by the heavy seas. The weather of late has been very rough on the coast. She had a large number of passengers, including a number of mining men from Clayoquot Sound and Constables Murray and McKenna with their prisoners, the two Indians charged with murder and the Indian charged with pointing firearms at the officers. Captain Gosse reports that the storekeepers on the coast are beginning to find drift lumber. On Sunday last Mr. Luckovitz, of Hesquelt, and some Indians found as much as 300 feet of smooth lumber, probably a portion of the deck of some steamer, and the storekeeper at Uchulet also reported finding a small quantity of dressed lumber. It is thought that some steamer having been obliged to throw some of her deck load away. The Tees will sail for Dyea, Skagway, Juneau, Wrangell and northern British Columbia ports on Sunday evening.

Captain Walbran, in an official bulletin issued by the department of marine and fisheries, suggests the following directs for vessels bound through Chatham Straits northwards: From a position one-quarter of a mile south of Cape Decision steer N. 84 deg. W. (N. 56 deg. W. true) 7 miles (Cape Ommaney on this course will be slightly on the port bow) and then alter course north 37 deg. W. (N. 9 deg. W. true), which will lead clear up the straits 70 miles until Fall Point is abait the beam. This course will pass Yasha Island about 24 miles distant, and Point Gardiner 32 miles. Hesselton Reef does not lie where shown on chart P.D., but on a line drawn between Caution Point and Point Point, 34 miles from the former point. This is well out of the general track of navigation. The reef lies in a W.N.W. direction, and is about 1/4 mile long. This notice affects admiralty charts Nos. 2431 and 2463. Capt. Walbran also announces that a snag showing 10 feet above water is fast to the bottom in 16 fathoms of water in the middle of the Gravelly Channel, near Gibson Island. From the snag the south end of Blenheim Island bears N. 72 deg. W. (N. 45 deg. W. true) distant 2 miles. Two cables westward of the snag there is a depth of 18 fathoms and 24 cables eastward 55 fathoms, muddy bottom. This notice affects admiralty charts numbers 1901, 1823 and 2450.

The British ship Senator, which arrived from Calao yesterday, and which so narrowly escaped destruction at the entrance to Esquimaux harbor, is now safely anchored in the harbor. She is 45 days from Calao, 80 to the cape and seven days beating up the straits. Talking of his narrow escape, Captain Harrison said that when the ship was caught in the heavy gale which blew yesterday morning he closed in with the land, and, running the risk of going ashore, dropped his anchors. They, however, dragged, as he had not enough men on board to furl his sails, and he was obliged to signal for relief. The Phœnix sent a relief crew to him, and with them the sails were furlled. The steamer Maude and the tug Car assisted her to get into the harbor, where the Senator is now lying at anchor. She is not damaged at all, as she did not touch the rocks, although, as Captain Harrison puts it, "she came mighty near it." The Senator is awaiting orders.

When the steamer City of Seattle resumes her Alaska run, December 13th, after having been on the drydock at Quartermaster Harbor for extensive repairs and alterations, she will discontinue carrying live stock. While on the dock her hull was cleaned and painted. Accommodations for 100 more steerage passengers will be made on the ship by putting in bunks on the main deck and tearing out the live stock pens now there. She will then have accommodations for 200 first class passengers and 400 second class, and 600 tons of freight.

The steamer Umatilla arrived from San Francisco last evening with many passengers, including several miners who have come northward from the Bay City to connect with the Alaskan steamer. She had also 107 tons of freight, made up of miscellaneous merchandise, consigned to the merchants of this city. The steamer Walla Walla will sail for the Golden Gate this evening. Those who have already booked passage on her are: D. G. McAlpine, W. A. Clark, Mr. R. J. Ferguson, S. G. Merwin, John Small, A. Howell and E. Mitchell and wife.

The steamer Farallon, which sailed this morning for Alaska, had a large cargo of freight and as many as 15 more pilgrims bound for the Klondike gold district. She would have had half a

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dozen more, but they tarried too long at the wine up town, and when they arrived at the outer wharf the steamer was gone. She had in all 300 tons of general merchandise and 200,000 feet of lumber, nearly all of which was for Skagway.

The steamer Quadra went out to Discovery Island this morning with provisions for the lighthouse. She was, however, obliged to bring them back to port, as a heavy southeast gale prevented them landing their stores. The supplies will be taken on again as soon as the weather moderates.

PERSONAL.

J. A. Mara is down from Kamloops. L. B. Sword, M.P.P., is in the city. D. Gillies returned this morning from the Sound. C. Henderson, of Chilliwack, is at the Oriental. F. T. Patton is back from a visit to the mainland. George Plunkett, of Vancouver, is at the Strand. J. H. Todd came home from Vancouver last evening. H. Croft was a passenger from the Sound this morning. War Cases, of the N.P.R., Tacoma, is in the city. Capt. Sears returned last evening from the mainland. Mr. Hulbert and wife, of San Francisco, are at the Dallas. George W. Brown, executive agent of the C.P.R., is in town. D. D. Mann, the Montreal capitalist, is at the Hotel de l'Inde. T. M. Brayshaw was a passenger inward by the Charmer last evening. H. K. Pryor was a passenger homeward on the Klondike this morning. Lincoln Rogers, of New Westminster, is among the guests at the Oriental. H. L. Stratton, manager of the Hamilton hotel, Vancouver, is in the city. George Perdue, of the city detective force, returned from Vancouver last evening. D. Simpson, who is interested in the White Pass wagon road, is a guest at the Strand. It is reported that Mr. Biggestaff will leave the Klondike this morning. The British Columbia will shortly be transferred to the branch in Vancouver. John Robertson, of E. H. Hiscocks returned last evening from Vancouver, where they have been on business in connection with the Pharmaceutical Association.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Charmer from Vancouver: Miss Barrell, F. G. McRae, J. A. Mara, F. V. Austin, Captain Sears, C. B. Sword, Geo. McL. Brown, J. H. Todd, H. R. Stratton, A. K. Zimmerman, F. J. T. Patton, A. Taylor, D. Mann, J. D. Sword, J. H. Austin, George Plunkett, A. H. Middleton, W. A. Clark, C. W. Johnson, B. W. McFarlane, M. W. James, W. N. Draper, Mrs. McColl, Misses King, C. O. Hand, Mrs. Hand, Mrs. E. L. Johnson, F. H. Parker, J. L. Brown, F. T. Patton, E. H. Hiscocks, J. Cochrane, O. Perdue, T. M. Brayshaw, G. W. McFarlane, Miss Ferret, W. H. Hiscocks, W. G. Davis. Per steamer Tees from the West Coast: A. B. Goring, H. Ferguson, Constables J. Murray and McKenna, N. Patton, L. Jones, E. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, H. Brown, E. Waring, J. A. and N. Bawden, W. Alexander, N. Massey, Mrs. Penny, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Hardy, Mr. and Mrs. Miss Hicockson, H. Disher, and A. Wiggs. Per steamer City of Kingston from the Sound: W. Oakes, D. Gillies, Mrs. Farnham, P. E. Page, Miss Page, H. L. James, H. Croft, M. Loring, Rev. L. B. Pattinson, E. Kelly, Mrs. Kelly, L. Simpson, H. K. Pryor, J. H. Shaw, K. H. Knappier, F. T. Patton, E. H. Hiscocks, W. Phillips, W. Boyle, H. Hunter, D. Wood, F. Rother, W. A. McLoyle, F. P. Clark, G. Flock, J. Kitchin, H. A. Smith, D. Ainsp. Capt. Gatten, H. Smith.

CONSIGNEES.

Per steamer Charmer from Vancouver: W. Wills, Hibben & Co., G. O. Russell, W. H. Wills, H. B. Cooper, Vic & Requinat, Tel Co., G. O. Hinton, Langley & H. Bros., F. Norris, G. A. Spencer, Rev. Roberts, H. H. Rithet, E. A. Morris, S. Soupal, E. Wall & Co., Lenz & Leiser, G. L. Courtney, H. H. Co., Weller Bros., H. Deuchamp, T. C. Riser, Mrs. L. E. Johnston, G. P. Print Office, H. H. H. Bros., Dan Ex Co. Per steamer City of Kingston from the Sound: H. Jackson, H. J. Brady & Co., J. Piercy & Co., Weller Bros., B. O. Brown, A. B. Brown, A. M. Motenage, A. Son, H. L. Co., Weller Bros., Turner & Co., G. & McC. A. A. Aronson, H. C. Beaton & Co. Per steamer Umatilla from San Francisco: Armour & Co., notify H. H. Jackson, Alphonse Iron Works, Brackley & S. Chung Lung, D. H. Ross & Co., E. Wall & Co., A. J. Saunders & Co., E. G. Prior & Co., F. Carle, A. B. Brown, F. T. Patton, E. H. Hinton & Co., Giant Powder Co., Hudson Bay Co., H. Conley, H. B. Beck, H. Short & Son, J. H. Todd & Son, J. C. Williams, J. A. Clearhous, Langley & H. Bros., Nicholls & Henson, Province Clear Co., Fitch & Leiser, H. Baker & Son, S. J. Pitts, S. Leiser, Speed Bros., S. Reid, Victoria Phoenix, Co. Vale & Brooks, Wilson Bros., Weller Bros., W. Harrison, W. Goodrich, W. H. White, D. Houston, J. Adams, McMillan & Hamilton, Wicks & Bower, W. H. Malkin & Co., Wells Fargo & Co.

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One might think that this human kangaroo would require an open lot for the exercise of his agility, and be hampered unduly by the restrictions of an ordinary stage, but such is far from being the case. Upon the boards of one of the smaller London theatres he justifies his reputation as the world's jumping champion by performing an astonishing series of feats.

One of his ways of illustrating his skill in jumping without any preliminary canter is to balance himself on a brick—a good fat brick, it is true, but still a brick—and from this point of disadvantage he jumps first over a few chairs and then over many chairs, with an ease which is quite beautiful to witness. From this comparative child's play he goes on to the more complicated part of his performance, in which he jumps over chairs and at the finish of his flight puts out with his feet two lighted candles which burned upon the seat of the last chair. Again he breaks his flight over a table with a chair upon it sufficiently to place a series of chairs, slightly for an instant on the water in a tub which is placed conveniently as though for him to tumble into, and then finishes his jump some distance beyond.

More sensational, perhaps, than these are the leaps over hot iron and then over horses sixteen hands high; and then over a full-grown brougham; but enough has been said to show that Mr. Higgins is not likely at present to have to forfeit that championship which is his prize. Perhaps the best of his jumps is that in which he placed single chairs at equal distances in a circle on the stage, and then with a single bound leaped from one to another, and round the stage, clearing one with each leap with beautiful precision.

Toronto, Dec. 8.—The public accounts of the province, which were laid on the table of the house today, show an excess of over expenditures for the year of \$502,500. Crown land receipts for ten months of the year are \$1,377,471, or \$40,000 in excess of the same period in 1896. The total receipts for the year, including the Dominion subsidy of \$1,110,572, are \$3,090,279.

Calcutta, Dec. 8.—The jury in the case of Stevens v. Wood, to which the plaintiff claimed \$5,000 from Andrew Wood for alienation of his wife's affections, turned a verdict for the plaintiff fixing the damages at \$3,000.

A STORY OF GEORGE.

His Answer Was Sufficient to Bring Down the House.

The late Henry George had a special gift in the register as a weapon in argument. After his address on his land tax theory he always invited his audience to ask questions, which he delighted in answering. In 1885 after a lecture at Howard University, in Washington, western congressman, accepting the invitation, said:

"After all, Mr. George, you advocate a system of confiscation of property. If I should take your land and cultivate it and beautify it, I would have you undisputed title to the land itself, and you should recognize my proprietorship in it." This reply was loud applause from the audience, but the applause was deafening when Mr. George had hung back this reply:

"I thought I had explained that all improvement is right to belong to the improver. On that we agree. All that you produce out of the soil and by your labor should belong to you. If I should see you sitting on the seashore fishing and should see you catch a fish, or, in other words, bring forth or produce that fish, I should maintain your right to it as your property, to use, to eat, to give or bequeath; but I'll be hanged, sir, if I'll agree that you own the ocean from which you produce that fish. Land stands in the same relation to man."—Springfield Republican.

THE WORLD'S SUPPLY OF OXYGEN.

Lord Kelvin showed in a recent address that all the oxygen in the atmosphere probably came from the action of sunlight on plants. While the earth was a globe of hot liquid it contained no vegetable food, and probably no free oxygen. But as it cooled off plants appeared on its surface, and those began to evolve oxygen through the evolution of the sunbeams. Upon the oxygen thus derived we depend for the maintenance of life by breathing. When we burn coal, or other vegetable fuel, we use up oxygen, and it is to plants again that we owe the restoration of the oxygen that is lost to the air. If they failed to keep up a sufficient supply the atmosphere would gradually pass with its oxygen and the inhabitants of the earth would disappear in consequence of asphyxiation.

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